## **CLAIMS**

- 1. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect for the correction of progesterone deficiency in premenopausal women and for hormone replacement in menopausal women, characterized in that it includes:
- as active principle, a progestogen derived from 19-nor progesterone,

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- a vehicle permetting the systemic passage of the said active principle chosen from the group comprising a solubilizing agent, an absorption promoter, a film-forming agent, a gelling agent or their mixtures,
- combined with or mixed with suitable excipients for the production of a gelled and/or film-forming pharmaceutical form.
  - 2. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to claim 1, characterized in that the progestogen derived from 19-nor progesterone is nomegestrol and/or one of its esters or ethers.
  - 3. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterized in that the progestogen derived from 19-nor progesterone is nomegestrol acetate.
- 4. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to any one of the claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the quantity of nomegestrol or of one of its esters or ethers varies from 0.05 to 1% by weight of the total composition.
- 5. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to claim 4, characterized in that the quantity of nomegestrol or of one of its esters or ethers is 0.4 % by weight of the total composition.
  - 6. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to any one of the claims 1 to 5, characterized in that the solubilizing agent is chosen from the group comprising water, alcohols, propyleneglycol, a C<sub>8</sub>/C<sub>10</sub> polyoxyethylene glycosyl glyceride or their mixtures.
  - 7. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to any one of the claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the solubilizing agent is a ternary mixture of 95° ethanol / water /

propyleneglycol, in which the percentage of 95° ethanol varies from 30 to 50 %, that of water from 30 to 60 % and that of propyleneglycol from 2 to 20 %.

8. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to any one of the claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the solubilizing agent is a quaternary mixture 95° ethanol / water / Labrasol® / propyleneglycol, in which the percentage of 95° ethanol varies from 30 to 50 %, that of water from 30 to 60 %, that of Labrasol® from 3 to 7 % and that of propyleneglycol from 2 to 20 %.

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- 9. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to any one of the claims 1 to 8, characterized in that the absorption promoter is chosen from the group consisting of isopropylideneglycerol, α-tocopheryl polyethyleneglycol 1000 succinate and monoethyl ether of diethylene glycol.
- 15 10.Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to claim 9, characterized in that the absorption promoter is isopropylideneglycerol.
  - 11. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to any one of the claims 1 to 10, characterized in that the gelling agent is chosen from the group consisting of cellulose derivatives and acrylic derivatives.
    - 12. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to claim 11, characterized in that the cellulose derivative is hydroxypropylmethylcellulose.
- 13. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to claim 11, characterized in that the acrylic derivative is a carbomer.
  - 14. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to any one of the claims 1 to 13, characterized in that the film-forming agent is chosen from the group consisting of cellulose derivatives, methacrylic derivatives and polyvinylpyrrolidone derivatives.
  - 15. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to claim 14, characterized in that the cellulose derivative is hydroxypropylmethylcellulose acetate succinate.

- 16. Topical hormonal composition with systemic effect according to claim 14, characterized in that the methacrylic derivativee is an aqueous dispersion of an anionic copolymer of methacrylic acid and ethyl acrylate.
- 17. Topical hormonal composition according to any one of the claims 1 to 16, characterized in that it is in the form of a gel or a film-forming gel and in that it contains, in an aqueous-alcoholic mixture, 8 % of propyleneglycol and 3 % of isopropylidene glycerol.

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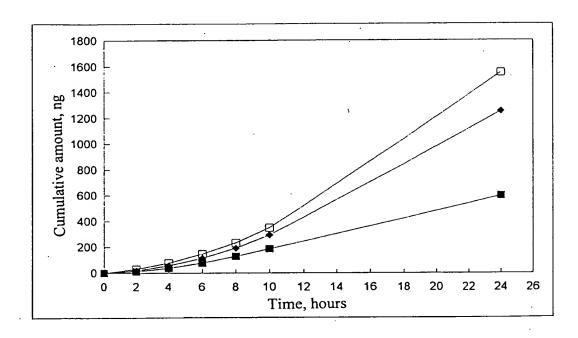


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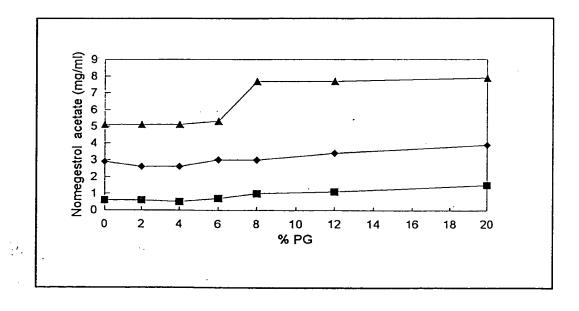


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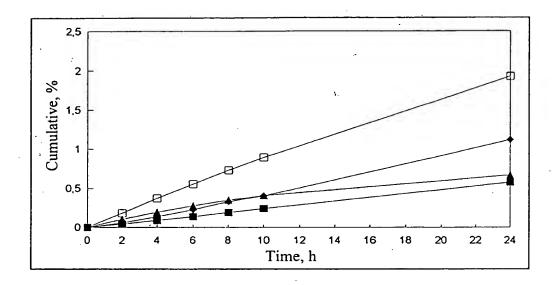


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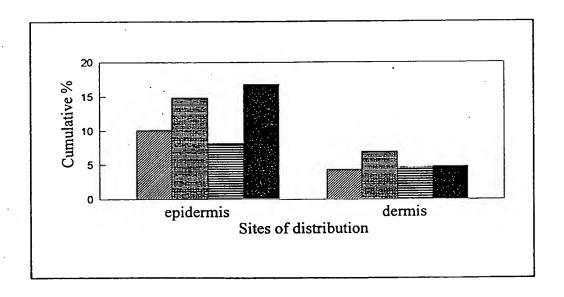


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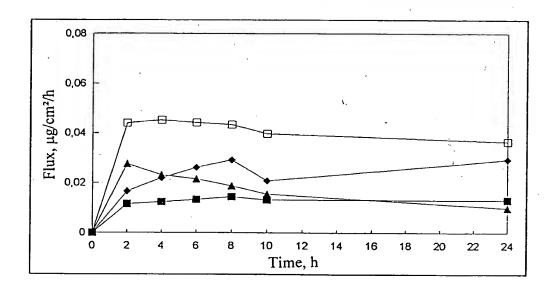


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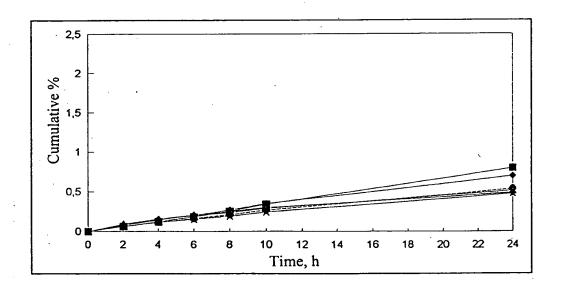


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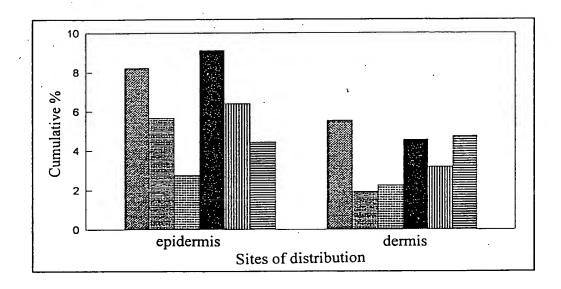


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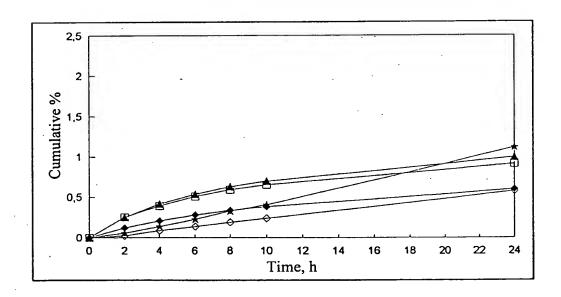


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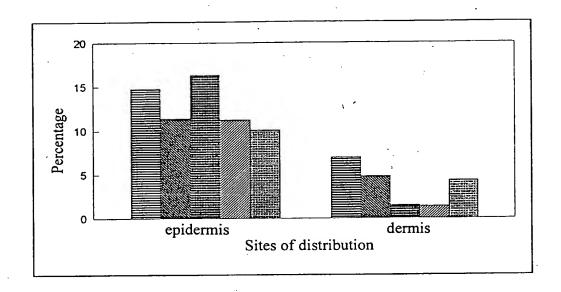


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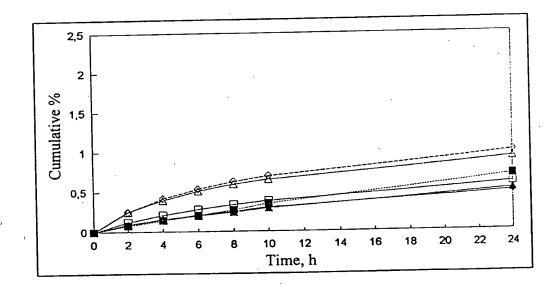


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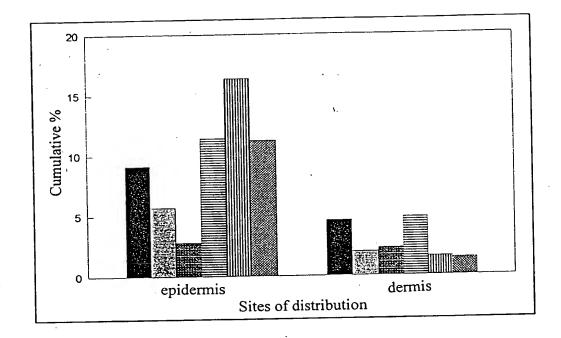


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